

Neopit Community Meeting
April 20, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.
Neopit Community Center

Legislator's Present: Laurie Reiter, Ann Marie Johnson and Stephanie Awonohopay.

Community Members Present: Frances Walker, Roberta Robinson, June Miller, Roger McPherson, Romaine Delabrué and Charlotte Wagner.

Meeting started at 5:00 p.m.

Legislators handed out information on Strategic Planning and went over it with everyone. (The handout is attached).

- **Why does Housing keep building homes in Keshena?** June stated that they were told several years ago not to build any more because the sewers/lagoons can't handle it.
- **Can something be done about the garbage from the Housing units?** June stated that she lives between two housing units and they just throw their garbage out the doors and she ends having to pick it up because it eventually ends up in her yard. Stephanie informed June that she should call Housing to let them know because they will come and clean it up. June stated that she did call but Housing personnel never came.
- **The whole town of Neopit is a dump because nobody wants to clean up their own garbage.**
- **Is there a law against people in housing units having parties in their yards?**
- **Does the Tribe actually perform drug tests on employees?** You hear of all these people who are on drugs and many of them are Tribal employees. Legislators stated that Human Resources does so many drug tests per month and they are done randomly. If you know of someone specific that is on drugs you can call HR and inform them and they will possibly do a test on that person if there is enough suspicion.
- **The Police Officers need to trim down because with how big most of them are, they can't chase anyone.**

- **Why do a bunch of officers go to minor ambulance calls?** You hear on the scanner all the time that someone fell down or something and all the police are there.
- **Why is there never any follow up on these meetings and suggestions that come from them?**
- **Is there any way of persuading the County to fix all the trees that they cut during the winter?** Frances stated that she is really concerned about the trees that were cut all along the roadside of HWY 47. There is a bunch of half trees there and it's not only an eyesore but could be very dangerous. Frances stated that she is really concerned that some car may go into the ditch and otherwise be minor but with these half trees there the car could hit them and pierce through the car.
- **Why do we never see the people court ordered to perform community service ever doing it?**
- **Why can't MTE donate some scrap lumber and have the community service people make some crosses to replace some of the old crosses at the cemeteries?**
- **Between the Courts and the Police Department we need to have some leeway for parents disciplining their children.** The way it is now you can't even spank your own kid without the kid threatening to call the police because they are taught to do that in school. There is a distinction between discipline and beating your child and that needs to be recognized. That is a big reason kids are running their parents now and terrorizing the reservation.
- **The park in Neopit is really nice but the kids and the language is terrible.** Community would like to see there could be a position under JTP or TANF that could be a park supervisor or just someone there to monitor the kids.
- **The dog and cat issue is out of control.** The roaming cats are killing birds and into garbage and gardens and the dogs are tearing clothes off from peoples clotheslines and people are afraid to walk in town because of the dogs. The dog catcher should be in Neopit on Wednesdays which is garbage day because that's when it seems they are all out.
- **Legislature should look into some penalties for people owning and/or breeding rottweilers and pit bulls.**
- **Something needs to be done about the junk cars.** If people are going to work on cars they should live on land designated for

industrial not residential. Legislator's informed everyone that the Enforcement & Resource Protection committee is looking into the issue.

- **Is there an ordinance or anything on those new small motor bikes the kids are riding?** Community members think they are dangerous because if you are driving a truck or higher vehicle you cannot see the kids on them and the kids don't care because they will go right in front of you.
- **Community members would like the police to do something about the kids playing basketball and stuff right out in the road when you first come into town.** People are concerned because not everyone slows down when getting into town and afraid someone will get hurt.

Meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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